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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS

Jefferson City, MO

April 26, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Jermyn, D.O., Chair
Randy Davis, EMT-P
David Tan, MD
Joan Eberhardt, RN
Judith Landvatter, RN
Lynthia Andrews, DO
Mark Alexander
Randall Sammons, EMT-P
Ruby Mehrer, RN
Roger Huckfeldt, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bernard Orman
Doug Randall, EMT-P
Natalie Suttmoeller, RN
Vicki Groce, EMT-P
Wally Patrick, RN

GUEST

Margie Bosman
John Simmons
Susan Crum
George Miller
Kandi Sagehorn
Jim Sherrard
Gary Morgeson
Rande Mc Crary
Jim Pyron
Jason White
Patty Parrish
Harry E. Wilkins, III
Taz Meyer
Helen Sandkuhl
Monta Rae Glaser
Bob Patterson

Monroe Yancie
Lawrence Davis
Larry Ashby
John Clemens
Dean Feller
Bonnie Linhardt
Jim Ogden
Robb Whinney
Don Crosby
Douglas Hooten
Carol Nierling
Heather Seemann
Bob Grayher
David T. Matero
Don Looper
Ralph Hellebusch

DHSS STAFF PRESENT

Lorie Holtmeier, RN
Greg Natsch

Paula Kempf, RN
Cindy Carver, AOSA

Call to Order

Dr. Jermyn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ruby Mehrer stated that the Air Ambulance information wasn't worded exactly as it should be. Correction was written up that explained it better. Ruby Mehrer approved the March minutes with change and Mark Alexander seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee

Met twice since last SAC meeting. Addressed scope of EMT-I's. There was lengthy discussion regarding "monitoring". Group still considering skills EMT-I's are allowed or not allowed to perform. Protocol issues were discussed. The Committee discussed EMT-I scope of practice and draft regulation was discussed. The Committee was not prepared to recommend the draft to the main body of the SAC and will have a final discussion next month giving all interested parties one more opportunity to comment. House Bill 58 and Senate Bill 210 look like they will be passed. No one has been appointed to replace Shanna Schopp with EMTALA at this time.

Air Ambulance

Transfer justification forms are needed to get everyone on the same page. Forms are being consolidated and will be presented to the council next month. Issues on whether an air ambulance is appropriate for all patients currently utilizing services.

Pediatric

Drafted a letter to legislative committee and regional committee addressing the issue of EMT-I's. There are two articles talking about endotracheal intubations in pediatric population in both rural and urban areas. They did a study on this and copies of the study results can be obtained by contacting Judy if interested. It was recommended that EMT-I's should not include intubations.

Northwest Region

No meeting since last SAC Meeting. Will meet again the first Wednesday in May.

Kansas City Region

Working on trying to bring everyone together to meet. Only 11 people showed from 13 areas. Getting surveys out to people now. Working on a video teleconference but can't get the funding yet. Next meeting on Monday.

Central Region

Met last Monday by using Tele-Health, which went well. Will be meeting again on May 23rd. Discuss results of EMS survey sent.

Southeast Region

No meeting since last SAC Meeting. Next meeting will be held Friday, April 29th.

Southwest Region

No meeting since last SAC Meeting.

St. Louis Region

Regional meeting was held the Friday after the last SAC Meeting. They meet monthly. Focusing on EPTS. New physicians being appointed. Big SNS Drill coming up June 15th. The amount of EPTS money needed for phase 2 is trying to projected. Representatives from St. Louis and Kansas City are to meet to discuss system being used by both areas.

Trauma

Met before SAC Meeting today. Divided into two sections.

#1) How did subcommittee see the money flowing?

- Fund position in DHSS that is not to be cut.
- Base payment to Trauma Center, rest to EMS
- Proposal

#2) How to move forward?

- Check with other states for more data
- Next step is to begin involving legislative members for input
- Invite them to open subcommittee meeting
- Take information to the public

Education

Met briefly. Discussed future testing. Have not moved forward with anything yet. Re-open strategic planning on both primary and continuing education.

Power Point Presentation

Robb Whinney presented a power point presentation on Leveling Criteria.

Old Business

House Bill 803 – EMS Fee Bill. Replacing money from current budget, trying to get money put back in the fund. It will eventually go away. Language is vague on ability to access fees. “Basic” Fee Schedule for your information – it is NOT set in stone. It would have to go into Regulations and be up for discussion. There is language in which there would be no fees accessed to volunteer ambulance services. Hoping to not have to implement this but depends on Federal funding. Need to do whatever we can to get HB 803 passed. License would be good for five years, but may set up a system of paying a set fee every year to avoid any hardships for the person as far as coming up with all the money at once. PHHS Block Grant is one half of EMS’ funding. Senate Bill 760, which is the Wakefield Act, needs to get passed. Need to find sponsors on the House Side.

New Business

A vote was taken on whether or not everyone preferred meeting at the Truman Building or at the Governor’s Office Building. It was decided that majority would rather meet in the Truman Building. Cindy will try to get the Truman Building for as many meetings as possible for the rest of the year.

Next meeting will be held May 24th.

Adjourn

Dr. Jermyn adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

John Jermyn, D.O., Chair